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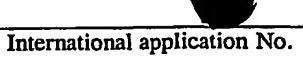
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

| Applicant's or agent's file reference                                | FOR FURTHER ACTION  | See Notification of Transmittal of Internation<br>Preliminary Examination Report (Form PC | onal<br>T/IPEA/416) |  |  |
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| 3. This report contains indications relating to the following items: |   |   |                     |  |  |
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| IV Lack of unity   | of invention  |   |                     |  |  |
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| I.          | Basis         | s of the report   |
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| 1.          | With          | regard to the elements of the international application:*   |
|             | $\boxtimes$   | the international application as originally filed.  |
|             | $\boxtimes$   | the description:  |
|             |               | pages 1-17 as originally filed  |
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|             | $\nabla$      | the claims:   |
|             |               | pages 18-25 , as originally filed   |
|             |               | pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19   |
|             |               | pages NONE , filed with the demand  |
|             |               | pages NONE, filed with the letter of  |
|             | $\boxtimes$   | the drawings:   |
|             |               | pages 1-6 , as originally filed pages NONE , filed with the demand  |
|             |               | pages NONE , filed with the letter of   |
|             |               | the sequence listing part of the description:   |
|             |               | pages NONE , as originally filed  |
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|             |               | the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule23.1(b)).   |
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|             |               | the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).   |
| 3           |               | th regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the rnational preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:  |
|             |               | contained in the international application in printed form.   |
|             |               | filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  |
|             |               | furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.   |
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|             |               | The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.  |
|             |               | The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.  |
| 4           |               | The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:  |
|             |               | the description, pages NONE   |
|             |               | the claims, Nos. NONE   |
|             |               | the drawings, sheets/fig NONE   |
| 5           |               | This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**   |
| l ti        | his rei       | Lacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in port as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17). The replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.  |



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| V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |         |      |       |  |
|---|---------|------|-------|--|
| STATEMENT   |         |      |       |  |
| Novelty (N)   | Claims  | 1-31 | YES   |  |
| 140verty (14)   | Claims  |      | NO    |  |
|   |         |      |       |  |
| Inventive Step (IS)   | Claims  | 1-31 | YES   |  |
|   | Claims  | NONE | NO    |  |
|   |         |      | YES   |  |
| Industrial Applicability (IA)   | Claims  |      | NO NO |  |
|   | Claims  | NONE |       |  |
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| VI. | Certain | documents | cited |
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1. Certain published documents (Rule 70.10)

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2. Non-written disclosures (Rule 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure

Date of non-written disclosure (day/month/year)

Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure (day/month/year)